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Shinji Komatsu et al. )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
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For Multi-Stage Push Operation Switch Device, )  
Allowing Acquisition of Clear Click Feeling )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Hei 06-52752 discloses an engagement section for a click feeling, being provided on a side surface of a slider. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-188037 discloses a structure wherein a pressing force absorbing section is provided on a rubber member.

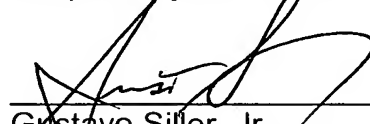
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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REFERENCE DESIGNATION			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,693,920	12/1997	Maeda		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A2	Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Hei 06-52752	02/1994	Japan		x	
	A3	Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-188037	07/2000	Japan		x	

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